



Board Meeting

H I G H L I G H T S

Board meeting held on August 17, 2009 at David G. Burnet Center
406 Barrera. • San Antonio, TX 78210

Board approves District's Employee Health Insurance Programs

The Board approved a renewal option for the 2009-10 school year. Rates were guaranteed for 2008-09 and were not to exceed an increase of 10% for 2009-10. Under the approved option, the District will pay the entire 10% increase for coverage under the PPO-2000 plan. Employees will pay the costs for the increase under the other plans.

Board adopts 2009-10 Student Code of Conduct

Each school year, the Texas Education Code requires that the Board of Trustees adopt the Student Code of Conduct for SAISD. Texas Association of School Boards (TASB), the District Leadership Team and staff work together to create this code of conduct. The 81st Legislative Session required that certain revisions be made to this year's edition, including adding "sexting" in the glossary of terms to better address it within our disciplinary code and adding "online harassment. Also included in the Code of Conduct is the District-wide cell phone policy, which was approved by the Board earlier this summer.

Board acknowledges Green ES for receiving CREST Award

Trustees recognized Green elementary school. Last May, Green ES became one of 23 recipients to receive the CREST Award from the Texas School Counselor Association. Schools receiving CREST awards have demonstrated a strong commitment to the implementation of a comprehensive guidance and counseling program that enhances the lives and achievements of students in the academic, career, and personal social domains.

Health Careers High School reaffirmed by Board

A resolution was approved in June, 2008 in support of a centrally located health careers high school that would partner with local health care systems, medical training facilities, higher education institutions, medical professionals and business leaders for the combined mission of preparing diverse and well-trained medical professionals to enter the health industry in San Antonio. Due to recent changes in membership on the SAISD Board, a second resolution for approval is being presented as a reaffirmation of the Board's support.

Board hears briefing on State and Federal Accountability results

The Board heard a presentation from Research and Accountability on the ratings that SAISD received from the Texas Education Agency and the federal government. Under the No Child Left Behind Act, all public school campuses, school districts, and the state are evaluated for Adequate Yearly Progress (AYP). Below is a summary of the state and federal ratings for SAISD for 2009.

Accountability performance:

State Accountability

- At the District level, SAISD will be rated academically unacceptable due to completion rate

- At the campus level, 11 schools are rated Exemplary, 23 are Recognized, 37 are Academically Acceptable, and 8 are Academically Unacceptable

Federal Accountability

- SAISD met or exceeded the standard in 26 out of 29 measures
- The District missed AYP due to graduation rate and performance in special education reading and math
- At the campus level, 72 schools met AYP and 13 missed AYP

The presentation also included a discussion on initiatives in place to address needed improvements in completion rate, graduation rate and special education performance in math and reading.

Renewal agreements for the 2009-10 school year

- St. Philip's College Southwest Campus Phoenix Program: the two-year Phoenix Program provides dual credit enrollment that leads to employment, and continued post-secondary enrollment upon completion of high school. This unique program is designed to provide students with career exploration and hands-on learning experiences including job-specific training, mentoring, job shadowing, internships and opportunities to earn college credit. Students enter the program as juniors and study in one of the following areas: Building Trades; Heating, Ventilation, and Air Conditioning; Diesel Mechanics; Electrical Trades; Computer Aided Drafting; Culinary Arts; Plumbing; Auto Collision; Auto Technology; and Robotics. Students also work to earn industry certifications.
- The current lease between Alamo Community College District (ACCD) and SAISD which leases space at Travis Early College High School for San Antonio College classes and programs was renewed. This lease is in its second year and allows for TECHS students to take college level courses.
- UTSA Prefreshman Engineering Program (PREP): a four-year summer program for middle and high school students. Students take a series of courses that promote a consistent emphasis on problem solving and that challenge students' critical and divergent thinking skills. Guest speakers from a variety of career fields in mathematics, science and engineering discuss how these concepts are utilized within their professions.

Board Policy Changes and Adoptions

- CNB (LOCAL) on Transportation Management District Vehicles was revised to include the moving of content and updating of language to clarify the allowable use of District vehicles.
- CQ (LOCAL) on Electronic Communication and Data Management was revised to include an amendment regarding cyberbullying
- GRA (LOCAL) on Relations with Governmental Entities; Local Governmental Authorities was revised so that different procedures are followed under child abuse investigations and to reflect the change in name from the Department of Protective and Regulatory Services to the Department of Family and Protective Services.

A number of District purchases were approved including:

- The purchase of PSAT/SAT/Accuplacer Intervention Services was renewed to provide College Readiness Prep Sessions for 9th, 10th and 11th-grade students District-wide.
- A pilot program for the use of GPS attendance monitoring system and coaching services to assist in reducing truancy and ultimately improving completion and graduation rates.

- The purchase of musical equipment such as: electronic instruments, Mariachi instruments, instrument repair services, instructional software and more on an as-needed basis in support of all academy, middle and high school music programs.
- Purchase of grant development and management support services to better enable the District to research and develop federal grants and other applications – services include prospect planning and research, documentation, and the management and supervision of grant writing, proposal submission and review assistance.

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